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WASHINGTON LETTER

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 23d, 1906.
Now that the type of canal to be built at Panama has been settled, it would seem that there is nothing in the way of quick action. The President has to have the commission, "Now cut loose and dig." This is what the whole country will be expecting of them, and with all the money that has been spent in preparation, and this country has not been niggardly, it would seem that the real work ought to go on. There is one serious contingency. The railroad interests are as much opposed to the canal as ever. They cannot hope to defeat it in the long run, but there are ways still in which they can obstruct and delay. They may be delayed. They may be depended on to hamper appropriations whenever they can, to gouge the government all they can when it comes to selling supplies, for the same men who control the great transcontinental roads are the dominant factors in the great industries from which the Canal Commission will have to draw its supplies. They will also be on the lookout always for the least breath of scandal in the management or the disturbances in Panama. And if the canal could stir up a scandal and a long winded official inquiry into doings on the isthmus, it would suit their purpose and hinder the work more effectively than anything else. Little doubt is expressed at the War Department however that the work is in such shape that it can now be pushed effectively. And it is believed that the organization is such that it will produce the best results from a reasonable expenditure.

In all probably the Interstate Commerce Commission's investigation into coal and oil carrying roads is concluded for the summer. After hearing the last of this week Mr. Jas. G. Gardner of the Erie Railroad, the Commission adjourned the hearings without fixing a day for resumption. This was taken to mean that there would be no more hearings till fall. For the past three months the commission has had to largely neglect its regular work while carrying out the mandate of the Tillman-Gillette joint resolution, and it has accumulated plenty of evidence to keep it busy all summer collating and arranging it in form for a report. Some of the conditions that have been revealed have been scandalous. There has been all sorts of graft and crookedness discovered among officials both high and low. But the last witness heard, Mr. Gardner, said a word for the railroad ownership of coal lands that was one of the most important said on that side during the entire hearing. He pointed out that the very existence of a railroad depended on its fuel supply, first on having a steady supply and then on getting it at the lowest figure so as to curtail the heaviest of all its operating expenses. He added some "hot air" on the subject getting the benefit of the saving in this direction, but that question is rather beside the mark. What he did point out however was that the road he represented as a coal expert owned and operated four coal companies and made no secret of it. They were able to draw from their mines about half of the three million tons used annually. He said that without them, the road would be almost crippled and that they were looking for more coal lands and would buy them as soon as they could get hold of them. He pointed out that the very existence of a railroad was growing all the time and that if it kept up at the present rate, they would in the course of the next generation, be using 10,000,000 tons of coal yearly and that by this time the present mines would be about worked out. He said therefore that the ownership of coal lands by railroads, for fuel purposes at least, was justifiable and that it was a necessity that would have to be reckoned within framing any law on the subject.

Beside the coal and oil report that the President and the next Congress will have on their hands, there will be also the question of what shall be done with or to the Standard Oil Company. The whole of a long cabinet meeting toward the end of this week was devoted to the consideration of this problem. It has been known for a long time that the Department of Justice had been taking steps in view of Commissioner Garfield's oil report looking to the prosecution of the Standard Oil Company under the Sherman law or both. It was generally expected when the cabinet meeting was over that the Attorney General would have some statement to make on the subject of the expected prosecutions, that is whether he would or whether he would not prosecute. But he said that he would have to give the matter further consideration before making a statement, and the matter had to go over.

It has been definitely settled that the President will leave for Oyster Bay within two days after Congress adjourns. He has had a strenuous spring and he is about tired out or as near to it as such a glutton for work ever gets. The Roosevelt children are already safe at the summer home under the care of the governess and the servants and the President will follow them with Mrs. Roosevelt as soon as he can get rid of the national legislature.

The appropriation bills are nearing completion, but the House persistently struck to its resolution not to sanction the new \$10,000,000 battleship bill it had no definite information on which to proceed. And the matter has been allowed to go over till next year when the Secretary of the Navy will present detailed plans for the great fighting machine.

NOTICE—I have voluntarily resigned my position with Wm. Davidson, 1218 French St., Wilmington, Del., and am now affiliated with the Standard Granite Co., 700-702 Delaware Ave., Wilmington, Del., and shall be pleased to serve my friends as faithfully as in the past.

C. FRANK DAVIDSON.

ITEMS OF INTEREST TO EVERYONE

Little Paragraphs That Will Interest Every Member of the Household
A woman's brain declines in weight after the age of 30.
Grecian women had very long feet.
Horrid women cut off a finger joint when they re-riary.
Ellen Terry is passionately fond of cats.
Brides in Australia are pelted with rose leaves.
In Africa wives are sold for two packets of talipain.
Patti sleeps with a silk scarf about her neck.
In stature Eskimo women are the shortest on earth.
No photographs are ever taken of women in China.
Sarah Bernhardt has a huge bed fifteen feet long.
New York has 27,000 women who support their husbands.
Only one woman in 100 insures her life.
A well-known oculist says that only one pair of eyes in every fifteen is perfect.
Sea birds, which frequently spend weeks at sea, are believed to quench their thirst partly from the falling rains and partly from the fat and oil which they devour ravenously when found.
Paris has 2,730,000 people.
America takes nearly one-half the world's crop of rubber.
The chief labor unions of Germany collect over \$4,000,000 a year in dues.
Since so few of us are useful, it's up to all of us to try to be ornamental.
Whitewash doesn't last long, whether it be put upon a wall or on a reputation.
It is predicted that American hardwood forests will last only thirty-five years longer.
John D. Rockefeller pays 25 cents each for snakes killed on his huge estate in the Pocomtoto hills.
Since the Suez canal was opened its annual revenue has increased from \$1,800,000 to \$20,000,000.
Iron was first discovered in this country in North Carolina in 1585. The first attempt to manufacture it was made in Virginia in 1618.
There is being built on the Minnesota State fair grounds in Minneapolis the largest live stock amphitheatre in the world at a cost of \$100,000.
Uncle Sam doesn't carry a chip on his shoulder but if anyone should happen to tread on the tail of his star-spangled coat he has 11,126,750 men subject to military service.
The wife of an army contractor wants \$181,338 for ice furnished troops during the Civil war. If ice was issued to the troops the men in the ranks never suspected it. Someone may next put in a claim for pillow shams and nightgowns furnished the soldiers.
A Norwegian scientist, Dr. Hanstensen, of the agricultural school at Aas, predicts that moss will become a recognized staple food. He says it is more nutritious than many vegetables now used and it makes a dish that is good eating. Mossbuds may yet be popular, even amongst cannibals.
There are people who can't trust themselves, who know that they are totally unreliable, but they go about asking others to trust them with money, goods or other property.
Ten millions for a battleship! Congress gives it out of taxes wrung from the poor, for the poor are the real payers of all taxes. That would have erected 10,000 cottages costing \$1,000 each. What a boon that would have been to the poor slum population of any great city. But to ask congress to do that and rent them at \$5 a month (six per cent on the investment) would have been the worst kind of paternalism, so it would! Yet the people are educated to believe that the government is to protect them!

This marked difference between the number of ministers and the number of churches is seen in very nearly all of the larger denominations. Baptists, for instance, have 52,919 churches and only 37,000 ministers; Disciples of Christ have 11,033 churches and 6,475 ministers; Lutherans, 13,378 churches and 7,565 ministers; Presbyterians, all bodies, have 15,702 churches and 12,659 ministers; Episcopalians, with 7,146 churches, have but 5,109 clergymen. The Reformed churches have 1,070 ministers to 2,536 churches. United Brethren have 4,407 churches and but 2,185 ministers. There are but few exceptions among American religious bodies to this disproportion between the number of churches and the ministers. A notable one, however, is the Catholic church, which has 11,037 churches and 14,104 clergymen.

There is a report that Mr. Edison announces that in a few days now everybody will be able to own and operate an automobile, because he, Mr. Edison, has found a way to make an automobile that is really more everybody there are likely to be more wrecks in every street than there have been on the coast of Puget sound. The majority of people cannot run a leak tight successfully, to say nothing of an automobile. If anybody at all is to be left to go about, he is not likely to be very grateful to Mr. Edison.

The manufacture of cement in the United States continues to make remarkable progress. Whereas in 1890 there were sixteen factories producing annually 335,000 barrels of Portland cement there were, in 1905, eighty-two plants with an estimated output of 31,000,000 barrels. The manufacture has increased about a hundredfold in sixteen years, for in 1890 the total production was 300,000 barrels. Since the great extension of the use of this material the amount of natural cement produced in America has rapidly declined.

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USEFUL THINGS TO KNOW

Linen will be made snowy white by dropping a little refined borax in the water.
Tooth warts with castor oil. That sometimes removes them, and is a harmless remedy.
Chocolate and cocoa stains can be removed by washing the fabric with soap in tepid water.
Toast is much improved if melted butter is poured over it, instead of spreading it with cold butter.
Blankets and flannel garments should not be wrung out, but allowed to drip and then laid in the sun.
If clothes are hung on the line neatly and smoothly much labor will be saved when the time for ironing comes.
The skin of young fowls will heal easily. If the spurs of chickens are over a quarter of an inch long it indicates old age.
Don't wear rustling clothes nor dark ones. Wash suits are the best of all, keeping a fresh one always ready to put on.
Have handy a stone or steel for sharpening knives and keep the knives in good condition. Good tools make rapid work.
If eggs are to be boiled hard, have the water boiling when the eggs are put in it. This will prevent the yolks turning dark.
Add a pinch of salt to cream before whipping it and whip it in a pitcher, as it will whip more quickly than in a bowl.
A tablespoonful of paraffin added to each three gallons of water when boiling white clothes, will help to remove the stains.
An old lapboard slipped under pillows and bolster will do much to help the first sitting up to be a pleasure instead of a wearisome thing.
When making gravy remove the pan from the fire while the thickening is stirred in, and when smooth return to the fire to cook. This will prevent lumps forming.
Food of a damp juicy nature should not be allowed to remain in paper bags. The bags are made of a compound containing chemicals and when damp are unfit to touch any kind of food.
Instead of putting food into the oven to keep hot for late comers, cover it closely and place over a pan of hot water. The steam will keep the food hot at the same time prevent it from drying.
Toast can be made over a gas stove without scorching and blackening by putting a thin piece of sheet iron or tin over the burner. When it is hot hold the bread over in a bread toaster.
For tender, aching feet there is nothing better than a strong solution of borax. After bathing with this, dust the feet well with powdered talcum to which a little salicylic acid has been added.
When washing glassware do not put it into hot water bottom first, as it will be liable to crack from sudden expansion. Even delicate glass can be washed in very hot water if slipped in edgewise.
Do not use heavy spreads, but substitute pretty and dainty ones. Always put a light shawl upon a patient sitting up in bed if used to lying down well covered. Do this even though the room is warm.
Fish scales can easily be removed by pouring hot water on the fish slowly until the scales curl, then scrape quickly. Wash in several waters, leaving the last cold and well salted so no slime will be left.
Two new uses for salt have been of service to me: First, as a tooth wash; it having been useful for removing tartar from a child's teeth. Second, as a cough medicine, a strong solution of salt often stopping a child's cough.

To test beef press it down with the thumb. If it rises quickly the meat is good. It should be fine grained, of a bright red color, with streaks of clean, white-looking fat. The meat will be tough unless there is plenty of fat on it.
Everything should be kept fresh and dainty. Remove all the furniture from the sick room that can be spared. Get rid of tray or dish as soon as the patient has finished with it. Appetites are unusually capricious during the best of illnesses.
As soon as a jelly tumbler or preserve jar is empty, that has been sent you, put the name of the giver on a slip of paper inside. If, as in case of sickness, many such gifts are received, it will save many blunders later on when these receptacles are returned.

It is often necessary to prepare a hasty lunch. Here is a delicious way to prepare cocoa without boiling: For each cupful blend a half teaspoonful of cocoa and a dessertspoonful of condensed milk. When smooth fill the cup with boiling water; stir till smooth and creamy. Serve at once.
So often people tell of the many things they have lost down their registers. Money, buttons and trinkets are sure to roll straight for the register. Place a piece of fine wire netting in the top of the register just below the register, then when anything is dropped into it, all you need to do is to lift your register and take out the articles.
Face masks and heavy pastes that are put on the complexion at night are not to be recommended. They constrict the pores and shut in the sebaceous secretions, bringing on the very evils that one is trying to annihilate. The whole process suffocates the skin, re-encouraging the laziness of the glands and pores that produces blackhead and blotches.

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OUR WOMAN'S COLUMN

One of the largest department stores in Pittsburg is crippled badly by the resignation of thirty-six young women, all whom said they were to be married this month.
Shape counts for something. Miss Dora L. May of Michigan is almost perfect in men's test but because she was short and stout she could not get a position from Uncle Sam at Washington.
It has been repeatedly demonstrated that woman's memory is much more retentive than man's and the world's memory record was recently won by Miss Victoria Bateaux, who remembered the sequence of 133,000 words.
An excellent health rule for bright eyes and a clear skin is to take the juice of a lemon in a glass of water with a dash of salt added. This acts directly on the liver, which has more to do with good looks than most of us imagine.
In washing an organically dress so that it will retain its stiffness and look as good as new use pure white soap and warm water. If the material is colored soak first in salt and water. Do not rub the material, as it causes the delicate threads to separate. Rinse very thoroughly and starch with clear, raw starch.
The new queen of Spain has been baptized three times, once as an infant, when she was taken into the Presbyterian church, a second time when she was made a member of the church of England and lastly a few weeks ago when she was baptized as a member of the Roman Catholic church.
At last something is to be done for the male shopper since a London correspondent. In a recent circular concerning an exhibition of face and silk mantillas and silks at Blackpool was appended the following significant "P. S.—Gentlemen accompanying ladies will find a comfortable smoking room, with coffee and cigars free of charge."

Light cloth coats can be cleaned at home with oatmeal and whiting. Lay flat on a clean table, mix the oatmeal and whiting in equal proportions, and with a piece of clean flannel rub thoroughly and evenly into the cloth. Shake well, and, if necessary, go over again and repeat until the cloth looks perfectly clean and press on the wrong side with a warm iron.
Get the idea into your head that bones are beautiful and you won't mind thin arms and a swan like neck, even though it be over-swan-like. Fat never yet made any woman beautiful. It is the way your bones grow and the way you carry your bones that give you a good figure. Because your arms are thin is no reason why you should hide them. God never yet made any woman without bones, so they must be all right. You can get the thin arms fleshed up a little by anointing with the lanolin or cocoa butter. The same treatment will do for thin neck. Vocal culture and cold baths will help.

Keep close to people who understand you, who believe in you, who will help you to discover yourself and encourage you to make the most of yourself. This may make all the difference to you between a grand success and a mediocre existence. Stick to those who are trying to do something and to be somebody in the world—people of high aims, lofty ambition. Keep close to those who are dead in earnest. The spirit is contagious. You will catch the spirit that dominates in your environment. The success of those about you who are trying to climb upward will encourage and stimulate you to struggle harder if you have not done quite so well yourself.

A class of girls are now being trained and educated in one of our colleges on how to keep house and bring up a family on ten dollars a week. Our millionaire mothers will soon want them to live on five dollars a week.
We overlooked recently some ladies talking about the woman who did their washing. They admitted that the work was well done, the clothes returned immaculately clean and white. At the same time they made a slur on the woman who did the work for them. They said that the woman who did the work for them was a public laundry and do not deliver the laundered goods out in the best society. The more civilized we become the more dirty work there is to do, the more clean clothes are needed and it serves women just right if by foolishly placing a social ban on those of their sex who do this dirty work they often find themselves unable to secure much needed assistance in the doing of it.

Be sure to have an easy lounge or chair in the kitchen, where you may spend the few waiting moments between acts, as it were, in rest.
If you cannot afford to buy a lounge especially for that purpose, make one. This is easily done.
Get two long boxes from the dry goods store; place them end to end and nail together. Make a mattress and fill it with any desired materials. Shredded shucks are clean and excellent. Over this drape any kind of cover to suit the fancy.
Be sure to get something that can be washed and ironed. Bed and white bed ticking is pretty and desirable, and never fades, and when laundered looks as good as new. Make a pillow to match.
Now while you are watching the cakes, bread, pies and the like, remember there is your lounge. Rest. Do not say you have no time. You have to wait for your tacking to brown. Why not rest while you wait.

You will be surprised how much refreshment you will gain even for one minute's relaxation upon this improvised lounging quarter.

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REGISTRATION OFFICERS KICKING

Since the appointment a few days ago of the registration officers for rural New Castle County, Kent and Sussex Counties by Governor Lee, there has been war declared by many of the men appointed to these positions, because of the action of Secretary of State Cahill in demanding \$2 from each appointee before forwarding his commission.
They say it is an unusual procedure on the part of the Secretary of State, who commands an income from that position ranging from \$10,000 to \$20,000 a year, to demand the fee of \$2, which under the law he can collect if he so desires.
In Wilmington the conditions are different. There the registration officers are appointed by the Board of Election Commissioners and it is pointed out that they do not have to pay \$2 before receiving their credentials. Consequently the officers in the country object to paying this amount, and many do not hesitate to say that they will not send the fee as requested by Mr. Cahill.
The registration officers are appointed for five registration days and for this work they receive \$25. They are put to some expense, and further, if \$2 in addition is deducted the pay will be considered small for the services given.
Four years ago Caleb H. Layton, then Secretary of State, sent out the commissions to registration officers, with bills for the \$2 fee enclosed. A big kick was made at the time, and Mr. Layton announced that those who wanted to pay could do so, and those who did not, need not. Two years later he sent out the commissions without asking any compensation.
There are thirty districts in rural New Castle County, seventeen in Kent and nineteen in Sussex County. In each district a registration officer, two assistants and an alternate are appointed. The latter very often does not occupy a seat at all. Still he is asked to pay \$2 for his commission.

LOCATED MOUTH OF RIVER

Members of the Delaware and New Jersey commissions appointed by the governors of the respective states to determine among other things the exact location of the mouth of the Delaware river, reached an opinion Friday which will settle, in the future that heretofore disputed point.
On the tug Tarus, the Delaware Commissioners, Alexander B. Cooper, Walter H. Hayes and W. P. Hilles and the New Jersey Commissioners, Senators Bradley and Aris and J. H. Struble left Delaware City and proceeded down the river to a point about five miles to the Southward of Reedy Island and there fixed an imaginary boundary line dividing the head of the bay from the mouth of the river.
The imaginary line agreed upon, extends from a point at or near Liston's Point, which is about one mile south of the mouth of Blackbird Creek on the Delaware shore to a point at or near the mouth of Hope Creek of the New Jersey shore.

After fixing this line the commissioners visited both the shores of Delaware and New Jersey in order to determine the condition of the shores at the points on which it is desired to erect stone monuments or markers.
In speaking of the trip one of the Delaware commissioners said: "The Delaware and New Jersey commissioners had no trouble in reaching an agreement regarding the locality of the line marking the mouth of the river nor do we anticipate any trouble in reaching an agreement relative to uniform fishing laws for both states. The Delaware commissioners have asked for nothing but that which is just and fair and the New Jersey commissioners realize it."

ADVERTISING WOMEN

There is nothing like advertising. A short time ago a Boston paper hunted up one of the pretty girls of "The Hub" and printed her picture, declaring that she was the most beautiful girl in Massachusetts. Within the next thirty days she had 800 offers of marriage. A paper in Virginia taking the hint from this, printed the photos of two famous beauties and offered a prize of the one having the greatest number of offers of marriage within 24 hours after the portraits were published. The offers poured in by the dozens, and one beat the other by three, and the prize was duly awarded. All of which shows that the ordinary mortal doesn't recognize a good thing until its merits have been exploited in the daily press. This holds good in everything. It has long been shown to be true in the dry goods market, in the clothing trade, with boots and shoes, real estate, groceries and it is equally true of humanity itself. See how men run after chorus girls. They could find just as charming beauties in their own kitchens, but the chorus girls are advertised and the kitchen girls are not, therefore, the first are fêted and toasted and treated to birds and cold bottles, while the poor kitchen girls are snubbed and neglected. It is all a matter of advertising. That which is advertised sells, that which is not advertised is neglected and the problem is as plain as the nose on one's face.

"Should war break out within the next few years the condition of the navy will be such as to lead to disaster." Such is the statement made by Rear Admiral Mason, chief of the bureau of ordinance, Navy department in a report to the Secretary of the Navy calling attention to the reduction in the estimates of the bureau of ordinance made by the department and the House committee on naval affairs. Admiral Mason shows that more than \$12,000,000 has been cut out of the estimates, and he describes the condition of the bureau as "little short of desperate" for the coming year.

If you are looking for the best general purpose chicken in this country buy a few settings of my Columbian Wyandotte eggs. I have the best strain of Columbian in America and will only offer a few settings for sale.

JOHN A. JONES,
Middletown, Del.

June Specials This Week

AT

DeValinger's Cash Store, TOWNSEND, DELAWARE.

Best Ginger Snaps,	- - - - -	3c lb
10c Dimity Lawns,	- - - - -	4c yd
Dry Salt Pork,	- - - - -	8c lb
30c Window Screens,	- - - - -	20c
12 1/4 lb Best Flour,	- - - - -	25c
LittleBoys' Wash Suits,	- - - - -	25c
Were \$1.00		
Ladies' \$1.25 and \$1.50 Shirt Waists, cut to	- - - - -	75c
Best Granulated Sugar,	- - - - -	4 1/2c
12 1/2c Chambra Voiles, cut to	- - - - -	6c
Men's \$1.50 Pants, cut to	- - - - -	\$1.00
Men's \$2.50 Pat. Colt Oxfords, cut to	- - - - -	\$2.00

We will pay you 18c for all the EGG you can bring us.

Best Canned Corn, - - - - - 5c

Bring your Butter, Eggs and Chickens, we will give you highest market prices. Come and see us, you will be astonished at the amount of money we will save you over other store's prices.

DEVALINGER'S CASH STORE,
TOWNSEND, DELAWARE,
W. T. DEVALINGER, PROPRIETOR.

The Middletown Transcript

Middle Close as Follows,
(going North)—7:30 a. m., 10:05 a. m., 3:30 p. m., 5:30 p. m., and 8:30 p. m.
(going South)—8:00 a. m., 4:15 p. m., and 8 p. m.
For Odessa—7:30 a. m., 8:30 a. m., 11:30 a. m., 4:30 p. m., and 8:30 p. m.
For Warwick, Cecilton and Barville 9:30 a. m., and 4:30 p. m.

MIDDLETOWN, DEL., JUNE 30, 1906.

Local News

FOR SALE.—Oak extension table, with two leaves. Apply to This Office.
FOR SALE.—Poultry and pigeon house 12x50 feet at cost of materials. Apply to This Office.

Why do you pay more, when Montgomery sells bananas at 12c per doz.
HORSE SHOEING.—Plain 75c each. Satisfaction guaranteed.

J. C. GREEN.

Leave your laundry at Jones' party shop. The best of work and prompt service.

Don't miss that old fashioned chocolate for 30c per lb. at MONTGOMERY'S.

After June 1st the Library hours will be as follows: Tuesday, 7 to 8:30; Saturdays, 3 to 5 and 7 to 8:30.

A large variety of cakes and crackers, both loose and in packages at BANNING'S.

House formerly occupied by John W. Jolls, deceased, for Rent. Possession March 25th, 1906. Apply to Joseph C. Jolls or John A. Jolls.

Strictly high-class dental service at moderate cost. Free examination and estimate. Dr. J. ALLEN JOHNSON, Main street, Middletown, formerly of Indianapolis.

Bananas 12c and 15c a dozen at MONTGOMERY'S.

About fifty young people were entertained at the home of W. Taylor Barnett on North Board street, on Friday evening last. Dancing and other amusements were indulged in. Refreshments were served.

Pneumatic Tire Remount and Phlebotom Cart with rubber tires, also good leather buggy top for sale cheap. All in good order and sold only for want of use.

J. C. PARKER & SON CO.

The Ladies' Aid of Bethel M. E. Church will hold a festival on the lawn of Mr. Jewel, near St. Augustine, Md., Wednesday evening, July 4th, 1906. All are invited to attend.

By authority of the Post Office Department the local post office will close during the months of July and August at 7 o'clock P. M. The mail will be dispatched at 8 o'clock as usual.

WANTED.—A thoroughly experienced saleslady; one capable of taking full charge of Dry Goods and notion store. Must come well recommended.

W. T. DEVALINGER, Townsend, Del.

Counterfeit five-cent pieces are being circulated in Delaware. They differ, it is said, from the genuine, in that they are lighter and slipper to the touch. The Federal authorities have begun an investigation.

Uncle Sam's Letters.—The following list of letters remain unclaimed in the post office for the week ending June 21st: Miss Jennie Galland, Mrs. Anna Carter, Miss Martha Mercer, Willis Miller, Chas. L. Minshall, C. L. Minshall, John F. Pennock, George Scott.

EGGS FOR THE FARMER AND FANCIER.—Standard bred Ross Comb Rhode Island Reds, the best and most profitable bird for all purposes, excellent layers of brown eggs, and unsurpassed as market fowl. Write or call for prices.

C. P. COCHRAN, Middletown, Del.

If you are looking for the best general purpose chicken in this country buy a few settings of my Columbian Wyandotte eggs. I have the best strain of Columbian in America and will only offer a few settings for sale.

JOHN A. JOLLS, Middletown, Del.

NOTICE.—I have voluntarily resigned my position with Wm. Davidson, 1218 French St., Wilmington, Del., and am now affiliated with the Standard Granite Co., 730-732 Delaware Ave., Wilmington, Del., and shall be pleased to serve my friends as faithfully as in the past.

C. FRANK DAVIDSON.

Wednesday next, July 4th, is a national holiday, but in Middletown it will be a very quiet day. Many of our people will attend the races at "Pastime Driving Park," Townsend. Manager Johnson has secured a string of fast horses for the occasion, and promises those who attend a pleasing program.

The following adjustments of salaries of postmen in Delaware have been announced, the first figures being the old salary and the second that of the coming year: Dover \$2,400 to \$2,300; Harrington, \$1,300 to \$1,400; Laurel, \$1,500 to \$1,600; Lewis, \$1,500 to \$1,600; Milford, \$1,800 to \$1,900; New Castle \$1,400 to \$1,500; Seaford, \$1,600 to \$1,700.

William H. Vanderford, 66 years old, one of the best-known newspaper men in Maryland, died Saturday evening at his home in Westminster, Md., after several days' illness. Mr. Vanderford first entered newspaper work on the Cecil Democrat, in Elkton, and for several years was its editor when in 1888 he purchased the Westchester Advertiser. He leaves a widow.

Mr. Vanderford was the founder of THE MIDDLETOWN TRANSCRIPT before going to Westminster, Md.

There has been much said and written during the past few weeks in reference to the wheat yield of this section, and the authorities (?) on this question differ in many instances. We have interviewed many farmers and while some of them are expecting a banner year, others are not so hopeful, and think the average will not exceed 25 bushels per acre. The best authority we have ever heard of on estimating the wheat yield, is the half bushel measure, and not until that authority has given figures, will we know very much about the crop.

We are reminded that there is an ordinance against the sending up of fire-balloons, and setting off of other dangerous fire-works on the 4th of July within the town limits. The Town Commissioners, while not wishing to restrict any one in their patriotic demonstrations, deem it their duty to enforce the ordinance in order to prevent any danger from the fire. Fire balloons or hot-air balloons are especially dangerous, and should not be allowed within the town limits, and the strictest caution is requested in the use of all other explosives.

For Mason's jars, jar tops and jelly glasses go to BANNING'S.

There will be an election on Saturday afternoon from two members of our school board. The election will be held at the Academy between the hours of 2 and 4 o'clock. The election is in place of Mr. J. W. Jolls, deceased, and M. B. Barrie, whose terms will expire.

The first new wheat reached Baltimore on Thursday says the Kent News, Chestertown, and brought \$1.25 per bushel. Six bags were in the lot and it came from Lancaster county, Va. The sample was below the quality of the first wheat that came in last year, still the price this year was 15 cents per bushel more. It is said that this difference in price represents the changed condition of the wheat market. We only hope the price will continue around the \$1.00 mark.

Several of our young people enjoyed a staid and on Monday evening, the party visited Odessa and Townsend, and returned home near the midnight hour, of course very tired and worn out by the jaunt. Among those present were: Misses Edna Banning, Lottie Jolls, Lizzie Richards, Mary Beaton, Bertha Byron, Sophia Blome, Rosie Weber, Lillie Downey, Ethel Sparks, Benah Kelley and Messrs. Norman Kumpel, John Jolls, John McGuire, Joseph Walker, Fred Blome, Norman Gill, Ephraim Jolls, Edward Banning, Edward Eckard and Ringgold Richards.

A DANGEROUS PLAYGROUND

While awaiting the arrival of the first north bound train Monday morning, THE TRANSCRIPT's scribe observed several small boys playing around the station, and while standing there wondering if the parents of these boys were aware of their children's whereabouts, the train arrived.

The scribe lost sight of the lads for a few moments, but when the train pulled out he was horrified to see one of these children running down the platform in the opposite direction from that which the train was running, with one of his hands sliding carelessly over the side of the cars of the fast moving train.

The boy who had not reached his teens, continued his course until the last car had passed him, and then in company with several others, who, we are informed make practice of spending several hours each day around the station or playing near the tracks, made his departure, never thinking of the tragic end which is likely to be awaiting him at no far distant day, if he continues to spend his idle moments in this manner.

It is not for the benefit of the child alone that we are reporting this incident, but to remind the neglectful parents of the boys who frequent this dangerous place of their responsibility. They should make themselves more familiar with the habits of their children when absent, and not permit a boy of such tender years to frequent these places when he is too young to realize how quick his young life may be ended.

W. T. DEVALINGER, Townsend, Del.

LITTLE FOLKS ENTERTAIN

The little friends of Margaret and Gilbert Pleasant had just a lovely time last Saturday afternoon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Pleasant, corner Main and Cass streets. The children had been wishing for sometime that some one would have a birthday, so they could give them a surprise party, and when they learned that little Gilbert would have his fourth anniversary on Saturday, and Margaret's birthday coming in two weeks, nothing would do but they must give them a surprise. After much whispering and planning, the necessary funds were collected, and the party given from 2 to 5 P. M. The children played games for an hour, occasionally coming to the dining-room door to ask, "are you ready for us?" The table was trimmed with green and white crepe paper, fancy napkins and red roses and Gilbert's birthday cake was trimmed with green and white candles.

Those present were Elma Deakne, Mildred Vaughan, Helen Barnard, Jessie Shepherd, Mildred Redgraves, Anna Connelly, Marian Armstrong, Elizabeth and Katharine Alexander, Charles Ritchie, Charles Kelley, Alden Parker, Allen Johnson, Margaret and Gilbert Pleasant.

WILLITS-FOSTER NUPTIALS

Mrs. Elizabeth Perry Foster of Westley Rhode Island, has announced the marriage of her daughter, Helen Gertrude, to Horatio Nelson Willits, son of Mr. Merritt N. Willits of this town. This marriage was by Friends ceremony, and took place at the Foster home, 94 High street, Westley, on last Saturday evening at 6 o'clock. The bride was dressed in a beautiful tulle satin gown, trimmed with duchess lace, and carried bride roses. The maid of honor, Miss Mary Foster, sister of the bride, wore pink mouseline, trimmed with lace, and carried pink roses. Four little ribbon bearers, cousins of the bride wore white India linen. Chief Justice Blodgett of the Supreme Court read the marriage certificate. About seventy persons were present, all of their relatives and near friends of the bride and groom. Mr. and Mrs. Willits, after a wedding trip, will live in Philadelphia, but will probably spend part of the summer at the pleasant home of Mr. Merritt Willits near here.

MIDDLETOWN'S GOOD SHOWING

There is no better criterion from which to judge a town or community than by the number of telephones connected with its local exchange. The larger the number of telephones the more progressive the people. Tried by this test Middletown makes a good showing. There are now about 125 subscribers connected with the Middletown exchange, and others are being added every week. The subscribers include the leading professional men, business men noted for their progressiveness and honest business methods, with whom dealing is always pleasant and profitable, and farmers who recognize that a farm home with a telephone lacks a most important adjunct to the happiness and prosperity of its inmates. The latest additions to the subscribers to the Middletown exchange are the Main street home of Mr. Corbit Vinard, the genial and popular liveryman, Mrs. Annie Taylor's Main street restaurant and the home of Mr. Patrick Dorey at the Church of St. Francis Xavier.

Thanks Her Friends

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PERSONALITIES

Mrs. J. C. Parker was in Philadelphia this week.

Mrs. W. A. Conneys has returned from Cape May.

Little Miss Sarah B. Kates is visiting in Philadelphia.

Mrs. Annie Gallagher visited relatives in Wilmington this week.

Mr. Ernest Solway, of Dover, spent Sunday with his mother here.

Miss E. E. Jones is visiting Wilmington and Philadelphia relatives.

Miss R. J. Creadock, of Philadelphia, spent Sunday with her mother.

Mrs. W. J. H. Livings, of Philadelphia, spent Sunday with relatives here.

Mr. William Beaton visited Philadelphia friends Sunday and Monday.

Miss Crystal Moore, of Elkton, Md., is the guest of Miss Ruby Whitlock.

Mrs. Ruth Rhodes and son Albert are spending sometime in Philadelphia.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hall, of Philadelphia, have been visiting relatives here.

Miss Annie K. Mabrey, of Philadelphia, is visiting her aunt, Mrs. J. R. Brown.

Mrs. W. P. Cullen was the guest of relatives in Milford and Frederica this week.

Miss Benah Kelley, of Philadelphia, is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Harry Richards.

Miss Minnie O'Hanlon, of Farnhurst, spent Sunday with Miss Elizabeth Hopkins.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Hudson, of Smyrna, visited their daughter, Mrs. Harry D. Howell.

Mrs. Ollie Matthews, of Wilmington, spent Sunday with relatives and friends in town.

Mrs. William Carey and son John are spending sometime with her sister, Mrs. Joseph C. Jolls.

Miss Carrie Downey, of New Castle, has been spending the week with Miss Mary Maxwell.

Mrs. A. G. Cox will leave next week for a month's visit with her sister in New Providence, N. J.

Miss Marian Cochran will leave next week for Elmyra, Pa., where she will spend some months.

Mrs. E. C. Green and daughter, Miss Eliza Green, have returned home after a pleasant trip to Rehoboth.

Misses Addie E. Woolford and Lillian Howlett, of Clayton, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Taylor.

Miss Anna Bordley has returned to her home in Cambridge, Mass., after an extended visit with friends here.

Mrs. Gilbert Foraker, of West Chester, Pa., is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. George Foraker on East Main street.

Mrs. Sarah J. Brown, of Quilton, N. J., and Frank Creadock, of Philadelphia, are guests of W. B. Kates and family.

Mrs. A. M. Brown returned to her home in Cambridge, Mass., this week, after a pleasant visit with friends here.

Mr. Harry Murphy and Miss Minnie Xylander, of Baltimore, Md., spent Sunday with their cousin, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Schuman.

Mrs. Barnard, of Brooklyn, Mr. and Mrs. Davis, of Cheswood and Miss Nellie Covington, of Still Pond, Md., were guests of Dr. and Mrs. W. E. Barnard.

Misses May Kumpel and Katie Van Sant and Messrs. Daniel W. Stevens and Edward Denny attended the Smyrna High School Commencement on Wednesday evening.

Miss Elizabeth R. Hall has left Middletown for the summer. She expects to attend the Summer School of the University of Pennsylvania and hopes to return to Middletown by the first of September.

The Rev. F. H. Moore attended the Alumni reunion of Lafayette College last week. On last Wednesday he was present at the Commencement exercises of Yale University, when his nephew, Mr. Edward W. Moore, has graduated.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The following is the Financial Statement of the Treasurer of the Middletown Schools for the year ending June 30th, 1906:

Receipts	
Cash on hand at last yearly settlement.....	5 78
Cash from E. Reynolds, Receiver of taxes.....	1417 00
Cash from State Treas. Graded School Act.....	235 80
Cash from State Dividend.....	1085 15
Cash from T. E. Hurn, Col. duplicates of 1903 and 1904.....	371 40
Cash from Walter Beaton, Col. duplicates of 1906.....	682 40
Cash from non-resident pupils.....	87 17
Cash from Loan.....	400 00
Cash from Citizens National Bank.....	01
Disbursements	
Paid teachers salaries.....	4284 00
Principal.....	800 00
1st Assistant.....	500 00
2d Assistant.....	400 00
3d Assistant.....	400 00
4th Assistant.....	400 00
5th Assistant.....	400 00
Janitor.....	200 00
Paid J. W. Jolls, Estate, Salary as Sec. and Treas. July 1st, 1904 to July 1st, 1905.....	50 00
Paid J. W. Jolls, Estate, Salary as Sec. and Treas. July 1st, 1905 to December 1st, 1905.....	20 83
Paid S. E. Lewis, Salary as Sec. and Treas. December 1st, 1905 to July 1st, 1906.....	29 17
Paid Francis G. Green, Speaker at Commencement Exercises 1905.....	5 00
Paid Electric Light.....	22 80
Paid Making duplicate.....	10 00
Paid Note in Bank.....	720 00
Paid Insurance.....	2 00
Paid Bank Assessment Books.....	1 20
Paid Printing.....	0 50
Paid Books and Papers.....	3 30
Paid Music Chart.....	12 80
Paid Ink.....	3 85
Paid Express on Ink and Chart.....	2 65
Paid Brooms, Soap, light globes, etc.....	6 35
Paid 30 Tons Coal.....	178 50
Paid Disinfectants.....	4 65
Paid Flowers for funeral of J. W. Jolls.....	8 00
Paid Interest.....	4 00
Paid Postage.....	34 00
Paid Commencement Expenses.....	50 00
Paid Water Rents.....	55 00
Total.....	4284 00

ST. GEORGES

Miss Marion Clark, of Philadelphia, is visiting her aunt, Mrs. McCoy.

Miss Matilda Sooy spent Sunday at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Milligan.

Miss Elinora McCoy, of Notre Dame College, Baltimore, Md., is spending her vacation with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. McCoy.

ODESSA

Miss Louise N. Corbit is visiting her sister in Newark.

Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Corbit are visiting friends in Connetquot.

Miss Emma Carpenter is the guest of relatives in Philadelphia.

Mrs. Emma Long, of Smyrna, spent Sunday here with relatives.

Mr. T. Conney and son Paul visited Mr. and Mrs. H. Massey this week.

Miss Helen Townsend had as her guest this week Miss Ingham, of Philadelphia.

Ralph Shalcross has returned home after a very pleasant trip in Philadelphia.

Miss Ethel Mailly is the guest of her friend, Miss Sarah Phillips, in Atglen, Pa.

Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Sacks and children were Wilmington visitors over Sunday.

Mrs. E. S. Stevens left Thursday for a week's visit with her sister in Philadelphia.

Miss Beulah Cleaver, is entertaining her friend, Miss Anna Moyer, of Philadelphia.

Master Frank Keen, of Wilmington, spent Saturday at the home of Mr. George W. Davis.

Mrs. Theodore Long has returned home after spending a few days with his son in Wilmington.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Heller and children, of Wilmington, are visiting at the home of Mr. Henry Heller.

Mrs. Alfred Stevens left Monday for Madford, N. J., where she will spend sometime with her daughter.

Mr. W. A. Rhodes, of Camden, N. J., spent a few days here last week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph A. Rhodes.

Mrs. John Watkins, Mrs. F. B. Watkins and daughters, Misses Rebecca and Frances, were Philadelphia visitors Thursday and Friday of this week.

The Steamboat Co. will run an excursion to Washington Park and Philadelphia on next Wednesday, July 4th. Steamer City will leave here 7 A. M., arriving at the Park 11 A. M., Philadelphia 12 N. Leaving Philadelphia 4:30 P. M., and the Park 5 o'clock. Tickets good for ten days are now on sale at F. B. Watkins' store, price 50 cents.

Miss Elizabeth D. Gilch one of our most popular young ladies and Dr. James A. Melvin, of Baltimore, were quietly married at the home of her mother, Mrs. D. Gilch, on Thursday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock, in the presence of only the immediate family. The bride was organist in the M. E. Church and will be greatly missed by a host of friends, all of whom wish her much happiness.

WARWICK

Mrs. Amos Wilson is very sick at this writing.

Mr. W. W. Aikin was a brief visitor in town on Saturday.

Mrs. June Price visited her mother near town on Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Jones spent Sunday with Mrs. Hayes, near Galena.

Mrs. R. B. Merritt was a visitor in Wilmington one day during the past week.

Mrs. C. R. Manlove and daughter were the guests of William J. B. Lofland on Sunday.

Mrs. George Moore and daughter Alice were the guests of her sister, Miss Eva, on Monday.

Preaching at the M. P. Church to-morrow evening at 7:30 o'clock. The public is cordially invited.

Prof. Guy Johnson spent Saturday and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Merritt. He left on Monday for New York City.

Mr. E. J. Hayes, Mr. and Mrs. John Nield and daughter, of Chester, were entertained by Mr. E. E. Marsh on Sunday.

Mr. William J. B. Lofland will represent Washington Camp, No. 8, P. O. S. of A. at the State Camp which meets at Rock Hall in August.

CECILTON

Robert Anderson, Jr., is sojourning at Atlantic City.

Mrs. William Brown has been visiting relatives in Wilmington.

HOW MISS ALMIRA CELEBRATED

BY MARY MORRISON

Pop! pop! Fizz! Whizz! Whoop! Bang! The eagle had begun to scream. The boys at Hackett's Corners were already celebrating and there would be neither peace nor rest for the next twenty-four hours. Miss Almira had known how it would be when Sam Atkins, her next-door neighbor, came home from Pendleton an hour ago. Every boy in the neighborhood had sent him for firecrackers and powder. Miss Almira was afraid of powder, and noise gave her nervous headache. There was a black cloud in the west that betokened rain. She hoped it was not a false prophecy, as she put the tubs out under the eaves.

Tommy Atkins was firing off crackers the other side of the fence. He was also watching Miss Almira out of his "weather eye." Presently an apparently false motion sent one flying over the fence at Miss Almira's very feet, where it went off with a loud bang, startling her nearly into spasms, while her pet cat leaped wildly into the air and then took refuge on the ridge-pole of the cottage.

Miss Almira gave him a look of keen reproach, which failed of its intended effect. Tommy Atkins was usually a nice kind of a boy. What was it about the Fourth of July that turned boys into fiends?

Tommy was delighted at his success. He lit a whole bunch and tossed them over the fence when Miss Almira's back was turned. They fell with a soft thump close beside her, and she watched the swiftly burning fuse with a fascinated gaze a moment then fled precipitately into the house and shut the door against the fusillade of rapid artillery outside.

Tommy was disgusted. He had wasted a whole bunch on one old woman, who had not waited to be scared. There was enough in that bunch to have frightened all the cats in town into fits. Tommy was of an economical turn of mind.

After the smoke of battle had cleared away, Miss Almira called in the cat, looked at the doors and put down the curtains. Then she stuffed her ears with cotton and sat down with the cat in her lap. She knew what the next few hours would bring forth. The Burch boys, the Brown boys and the Vanderburg boys joined forces with Tommy presently, and pandemonium reigned. They always celebrated as close to Miss Almira's back door as possible. It was twelve o'clock when the last cannon cracker went off amid hideous howls of satisfaction, which grew fainter, and finally faded away altogether. Tommy's allies had gone home, and Miss Almira, trembling and unnered, crept away to bed. She fell into a troubled sleep about one o'clock which lasted undisturbed for two hours, and then the time honored anvil at Hackett's Corners awoke the slumbering echoes, also Miss Almira. There was no more sleep for her, and she lay and covered miserably with nervous fear at the continuous explosions which tore, shrieking, through the silence of the night. Some- where she had heard that heavy cannonading was sure to bring rain, and it was the only drop of consolation in the overflowing cup of her misery; but she was destined to disappointment. The morning dawned bright and beautiful. Not a cloud softened the cerulean blue of the sky, and Miss Almira took her wooden tubs back into the cellar with evident disappointment. She had no appetite for breakfast, and nibbled at her dry toast and drank her English breakfast tea with a depressed air, which lightened somewhat as the buggies and wagons began to go by. They seemed to be filled principally with boys; for this she felt thankful. There were eight in Jerry Brown's wagon.

She brightened visibly after they had gone by, and drew a long breath of relief. How nice and still it was! She thought of the noisy, distracting crowds at Pendleton with a shudder. Miss Almira never went to Fourth of July celebrations. She pulled the kitchen rocker up beside the window, where the breath of the great sweetbrier came floating in, and sat down to enjoy the silence. She must have dozed off for a few moments for the next thing she was conscious of was a confusion of clumping feet and a shrill cry of pain. She started up in bewilderment, and went to the door just in time to see a small, bare-footed boy in blue

ginghams and overalls scramble up off the ground and limp over to where an old gray horse stood dejectedly by the roadside. It was little Joe Tearall. He was an orphan and lived with old Mr. and Mrs. McDermott, over on the State road. She had seen them drive by in a top buggy an hour earlier. It was like them to leave the boy to ride old Gray to the celebration.

He grasped the bridle and tried to lead the animal up to the fence but it seemed to have gone hopelessly lame. He's gone and stumbled and hurt himself a purpose, so I can't go to the Fourth, he said, despairingly, as Miss Almira came out to the gate.

He has hurt you, too, hasn't he? she asked, solicitously, pointing to Joe's foot, from which the blood was trickling down.

Joe looked down unconcernedly. Huh! that ain't nothing. 'Twouldn't hurt me none to ride, he said.

But you haven't got anything to ride now. Poor old Gray. You had better turn him into the pasture here and come and let me dress your foot, she told him. It was not a serious injury, but the dressing was quite a painful operation, which Joe bore without flinching. She bandaged it in arnica and made him as comfortable as possible with a dish of ripe strawberries smothered in sugar snow, which was Miss Almira's idea of offering consolation to a boy.

He ate them absently, however, with a faraway gaze which she knew instinctively was looking across country to where the crowds were gathering at Pendleton. You can go to the celebration next year, she told him, consolingly.

There was reproachful disbelief in his eyes as he looked up into her face. Tain't likely. I'm ten year old and I ain't never went to one yet, he said. I ain't never had but one bunch of firecrackers, neither, he added in aggrieved accents.

The distress in his face was very real. It was so thoroughly hopeless. Something came up into Miss Almira's throat and choked her, as she realized the dull emptiness of his life and the magnitude of this disappointment which she had hoped to alleviate with strawberries. A sense of all that the boy had really missed came to her in a sudden tide of childish memories of waving flags and gay uniforms, of throbbing music and marching feet, of merry, noisy crowds, of which she, herself, was the merriest and noisiest. Even now her pulses quickened to the rapid rhythm of childhood at the recollection. She looked up at the clock; it was only ten o'clock. Miss Almira was not given to sudden decisions, but she turned now and went abruptly out the door. Old Kate, out in the pasture, was making the acquaintance of her strange companion. Miss Almira drove her up to the barn and put on her harness, then she hitched her to the old-fashioned carriage, and tied her under a tree.

When she went back to the house, Joe stood at the window, looking toward Pendleton. Several big tears had dropped off the end of his sun-burned nose to the window-sill below, but Miss Almira affected not to notice them. She went into her bedroom and shut the door, and when she came out she had on her best black dress, also her hat and wrap. Then she went out into the garden and picked a handful of bachelor buttons, pink and blue and white, and made them into two bouquets, one of which she pinned conspicuously at her throat. The other one she took to Joe.

Put them in your bathtub, she said. Everybody wears red, white and blue when they go to the Fourth of July, she told him.

He looked up in amazed bewilderment. Are you—we— Yes, we be. We are going to the Fourth of July celebration, she said, brightly. Some of the boy's eager excitement stirred her blood as she lifted him to a seat in the carriage beside her and drove away.

The staid old town looked unfamiliar in its gay, stirring bunting. She felt a new thrill of patriotism as the graceful folds of Old Glory caught the breezes and floated out full and free over her head, and she was conscious of a sudden absurd desire to cheer, to shoot off a toy cannon, to celebrate in some way, which, however, she decorously re-

pressed, but she felt the burden of a score of years fall away as she stepped into line behind the brass band, together with a throng of care-worn old young girls and stooped, gray-haired boys of uncertain age, and marched away down the street with Joe's hand in hers. His sore foot did not hurt him. He was conscious of only one desire now and that was to march in a grand Fourth of July parade forever. It was a memorable day. The pink taffy and lemonade and popcorn balls which Miss Almira bought and shared with Joe, regardless of indigestion, were sufficient to mark it with huge red letters, but the crowning glory came when she took him to a stand and bought liberally and even recklessly of firecrackers, skyrockets, Roman candles, pin-wheels, torpedoes, nigger-chasers and hosts of other explosive things, and heaped them into his arms with overwhelming prodigality.

We'll have a celebration of our own when we get home, she told him.

His guardians made no objection when she requested that Joe be allowed to spend the night with her, on the condition that he lead old Gray home in the morning, and he felt all the glory of his position as he stood on a box in Miss Almira's back yard, the central figure in a kaleidoscopic display of colored fire, which turned Tommy Atkins green with envy.

Miss Almira sat on the back doorstep and watched the proceedings with pleased interest. She even forgot to jump when Joe fired off his biggest cannon-cracker, which astounding display of nerve Tommy Atkins regarded with sorrowful surprise. We sha'n't have no fun at all next year, he said, dejectedly.

THE FATE OF SIX LITTLE RED-COATS BY LIZZIE M. HADLEY

"Now my dearest children," Mother Red-Coat said, "July Fourth is coming; You must stay in bed."

"There you will be safest; At this time each year, Some of us, 'tis whispered, Always disappear!"

Pointed all the Red-Coats, Wondered what she meant; In the darkness hiding, Not one was content.

Soon outside the window Came a lovely noise; Sighed the little Red-Coats, "Wish that we were boys!"

"Oh that at them, sometimes We could take a peep; Wonder what they're doing, When we're fast asleep?"

Said one naughty Red-Coat, "I know where to go. We might run and see them— Mother'd never know!"

Creeping under the Red-Coats, Through the dewy grass, While the stars above them Winked to see them pass.

Bonfires were blazing Brighter than the sun. "Oh," cried all the Red-Coats, "Aren't they having fun?"

"Come a little nearer," Bang! A dreadful din. Only scraps of paper Left where they had been.

NOT ABOVE LEARNING

The United States government has detailed two army officers to travel for a month with one of the largest circuses in the country. It is not an infrequent occurrence for officers to be detailed to schools and colleges, in order to give instruction in military tactics. This time the object is not to teach but to learn. Routes and city dwellers alike have marveled at the seeming ease with which the transportation and maintenance of a great circus is managed. A thousand people, scores of horses, wild animals requiring special conditions of heat, air or food and a mass of canvas, cordage, and other material, both heavy and bulky, are carried from one town to another with facility to a schedule prepared long before. In the town at which the next performance is to be given the tent is set up and all other arrangements for entertaining crowds of people are made. Sleeping quarters and regular meals for a thousand men and women are provided. The animals are fed and watered. The money and other valuables are guarded. It may be that the circus will remain in one town two or three days, or the next day may find it many miles away, but whatever the program the men in charge are capable of carrying it out.

SENSATIONS DURING AN EARTHQUAKE

If one wants to know what it feels like to be in an earthquake, one only read Henry Anderson Laffer's article in the July McClure's "My Sixty Sleepless Hours, a Story of the San Francisco Earthquake." Those sixty hours were packed full of drama, pathos, picturesqueness and humor for over 300,000 people and Mr. Laffer enables you to share it all with them. He says of the earthquake itself: "The thing, heavy, throbbing roof, the thick, furious roar of falling walls, the blinding yellow dust that choked and blinded—these were the things that made my senses; yet there was no fear. The twenty-eight seconds that the earthquake lasted were a period of the intensest cerebration of which the human brain is capable, all directed toward answering the question: 'What shall I do to save the life that is in me, and demands not to be miserably crushed out.'"

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TALLEST MAN IN THE WORLD

Doubled up in a pillman car attached to the Washington express train that arrived at Wilmington station was the largest man in the world. He is Machine, a Russian giant, 9 feet 3 inches tall, 29 years old, and weighs 330 pounds. He arrived in this country last Saturday and went to Washington to see President Roosevelt. In addition to being the tallest man was proportionately broad, being about four feet across the shoulders. Machine wore a frock coat and a silk hat.

With the giant was his wife, a woman weighing 140 pounds and his two children, one a boy of 18 months old and a girl of three years. Machine could not get into a Pullman berth and on the ship had to sleep on deck.

He did not leave the car as the train did not stop long enough, and in order to stretch himself, he extended his legs half way down the aisle of the car.

LEARN THE HABIT OF SAVING

To inculcate a habit of saving is absolutely necessary that a few dollars—hundred, more or less—should be laid aside as a nest egg. It is this amount—the first hundred—and the habit of saving acquired in accumulating it that have more to do in giving the young man a financial and business start in the world than any \$500 which he accumulates afterward. There are scores of young men, hardworking and industrious, who have no sense of ownership and possess no proprietary interest simply because they fail to make the start. In many cases this spending is due to young men not having others dependent upon them. While a young woman runs considerable risk in marrying of this type, she often furnishes the necessary incentive to saving.

TENTS AT CAMPDEN

The management of Campden Campmeeting is very successful in securing three special evangelists who have made a lifelong study of soul-saving. They are Rev. E. C. Sanford of Feltton, formerly Wilmington Conference evangelist; Rev. J. L. Johnson of Seaford, president of the Wilmington Conference Epworth League and known as the revival pastor; and Rev. A. A. Bichel of Barstow, Md., formerly a Methodist Protestant evangelist. They will succeed each other at camp in the above order. Each will do the exhorting after brief sermons by others, although each will preach two sermons during their stay on the camp ground. While the campmeeting was arranged and admitted to be an opportunity for a social reunion of the church workers and the people of Kent County, yet no opportunity at soul-saving will be lost.

May Adopt Japanese Plan

Uncle Sam's fighting ships may be compelled to adopt the new plan in vogue in the Japanese navy, and cruise under canvas in times of peace. Exhaustion of funds for the purchase of fuel, the failure of congress to appropriate a sufficient amount to buy all that will be required during the year, and the prospective increase in the price of coal by reason of the strike, have resulted in orders being issued by the navy department for the greatest economy. No cruise will be taken this year by American warships that are not absolutely necessary.

Campaign of Prayer

A campaign of prayer by post card to continue until Jan. 11, 1911, and to cover the entire world, is to be begun in Chicago by Methodists. To Methodists in all the world 1,000,000 cards are to be sent asking them to pray daily until the date set as the close of the first crusade. As many as return cards to the Rev. J. P. Brushingham will be sent a number of other cards to send to their friends, and the church choir system, a "prayer league" numbering 5,000,000 is expected to be formed by 1911. Then a second crusade is to be started.

REGISTER'S ORDER

OFFICE OF REGISTER OF WILLS, NEW CASTLE COUNTY, DELE. Nov. 28, 1906. Upon the application of Joseph C. Jails and John A. Jails, Administrators of John A. Jails late of L. George Hundred, in said county deceased, it is ordered and directed by the Register of Wills that the said Administrators give notice of granting of Letters of Administration upon the estate of the deceased to the persons claiming to be entitled to the same by publishing in the Wilmington Transcript a newspaper published in Wilmington, Delaware, and to be continued therein two months, given under the hand and seal of said Register of Wills, at Wilmington, New Castle County aforesaid, the day and year above written.

FRED E. BACH, Register of Wills.

NOTICE—Notice is hereby given that Letters of Administration were in due form of law granted unto the undersigned on the Twenty-sixth day of November, A. D. 1906, and that all persons having claims against the estate of the deceased must present the same, duly attested, to the said Administrators, on or before the Twenty-ninth day of November, 1906, or abide the act of Assembly in such case made and provided.

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